Interception of Two Beechcraft Bonanza Aircraft of Fleetwarn Drive, Texas

2551. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN:
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that violation of Indian airspace by foreign aircraft in the Western sector has become frequent;

(b) if so, what difficulties are being faced by the Indian Air Force in defending our airspace in that sector;

(c) whether it is also a fact that two Beechcraft Bonanza aircraft of Fleetwarn Drive, Texas, were intercepted for flying over Gujarat in the second week of June, 1989;

(d) if so, what are the details of the incident; and

(e) what preventive measures have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Not acceptable in view of reply to (a) above.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Four civil aircraft of a flying club of the USA were allowed to fly from Delhi to Baharin on 16-6-89 as per approved flight plan. The aircraft, however, deviated from the authorised flight path. When this deviation was detected on the radar, two of the erring aircraft were intercepted and made to land at Bhuj. Interrogration of the defaulting foreigners and enquiries into the incident indicated that it was only a case of violation of the approved flight route which is a non-coghisable offence under the Aircraft Act of 1934. Therefore, the foreigners were released on 27-6-89 and allowd to continue their flight.

(e) It would not be in the interest of national security to make this information public.

Telephone Services in Raniganj Coal Field Group Dialling Exchanges

2552. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a letter dated the 27th June, 1989 from Asansol Division Telephone Users' Council regarding telephone services in Raniganj Coalfield Group Dialling Exchanges;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government on the said letter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The entire Strowger system in Asansol Coal field area which includes Raniganj has been planned for replacement by E-10 B type electronic exchanges during 1990-91 with main exchange at Asansol and RLU at Raniganj. The Asansol TAX (Trunk Automatic Exchange) will be closed down in 1989-90 and all the exchanges of the Coal-belt area will be directly connected to the Digital Trunk Automatic Exchange, Calcutta.

Payment of Delivery Allowance to E.D. Branch Matters in Haryana Circle

2553. SHRI KAILASHPATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chief Post Master General, Haryana circle, has not paid delivery allowance to Extra Departmental branch post masters admissible to them from 1st January, 1986;

(b) what action has been taken against the authorities for withholding the wages for such a long time;

(c) whether Government propose to make payment of arrears of delivery allowance to EDBPMs with interest; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Pending Court Cases of E. D. Employees

2554. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases pending in different Courts in India regarding Extra Departmental employees as on 30th June, 1989;

(b) the number of cases on which the judgements have been delivered by the different courts;

(c) the details of cases on which the judgements have been accepted by Government; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Death of Navy Personnel in Helicopter Crash

2555. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Naval Chetak helicopter crashed near Rameshwaram recently killing some officers and sailors of the Indian Navy; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, stating the outcome of the inquiry made into the crash and the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Naval Chetak Helicopter, while on routine patrol sortie, crashed near Mandapam in Tamil Nadu on the 31st May, 1989, killing all the five Naval personnel on board the ill-fated helicopter. A Board of Inquiry is in progress. The findings of the Boards of Injuiry are treated as classified and are not disclosed in the public interest.

Dispute Between AIIMS and Civic Authorities

2556. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Statesman. dated 2nd June, 1989 regarding the unsettled dispute between the AIIMS and the civic authorities regarding responsibility to cover the open drain adjacent to the boundary wall of the AIIMS resulting in appalling unhygenic conditions plaguing the hospital and its surroundings; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to settle this issue which has remained unsettled for a decade regardless of the unhygenic surroundings to the AIIMS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) The All India Instltue of Medical Sciences have reported that an open nullah coming from Hauz Khas, Yusuf Sarai towards Kidwai Nagar is passing through the Eastern Campus of the AIIMS. This nullah in addition to